

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. M: 36/34

### 1. Name of Property (Indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. Condict House

and/or common Grey Rocks

### 2. Location

street & number 9315 Greyrock Drive

\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Silver Spring

\_\_\_ vicinity of

state Maryland

county

Montgomery

### 3. Classification

#### Category

\_\_\_ district)

☒ building(s)

\_\_\_ structure

\_\_\_ site

\_\_\_ object

#### Ownership

\_\_\_ public

☒ private

\_\_\_ both

#### Present Use

\_\_\_ agriculture

\_\_\_ commercial

\_\_\_ educational

\_\_\_ entertainment

\_\_\_ government

\_\_\_ industrial

\_\_\_ military

\_\_\_ museum

\_\_\_ park

☒ private residence

\_\_\_ religious

\_\_\_ scientific

\_\_\_ transportation

\_\_\_ other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John R. Mulligan & Ann C. Scheiner

street & number 9315 Greyrock Drive

telephone no:

city, town Silver Spring

state and zip code

Maryland 20910

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

Tax Map and Parcel

JP31; P254

city, town Rockville state Maryland

Liber and Folio

7186/447

### 6. Primary Location of Additional Data

- \_\_\_ Individually Listed in the National Register
- \_\_\_ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- \_\_\_ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- \_\_\_ Determined Eligible for the National Register
- \_\_\_ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- \_\_\_ HSR or Research report at MHT
- \_\_\_ Other:

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count:

See attached.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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9315 Greyrock Road, Silver Spring

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The three-bay front facade faces east toward Colesville Road. Ell-shaped in plan, the frame house is clad with clapboard siding. The main side-gable block has brick end chimneys. A four-bay porch with classical columns, which extends across the full width of the house and wraps around the west elevation. Virtually all of the original 6/6 sash windows in the main block are intact with the exception of a second story picture window on the west elevation, which probably dates from the early to mid-1900s.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1852-1865

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

and/or

Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

### HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Individual

Category:

Residential

Historic Environment:

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Residential

Known Design Source:

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Dr. Henry Ford Condict, his wife, Jane Adelaide Causin Condict, and their two children, Eliza Stone and Causin, moved from Washington, D.C. to Montgomery County c.1852, when Dr. Condict acquired 57 acres of land "near Sligo."<sup>2</sup> This tract was part of a large land grant called Labyrinth, patented in 1732. Dr. Condict and his heirs lived on this property for some 50 years. Jane Adelaide Condict died before 1880. In 1887 Dr. Condict deeded 28-1/2 acres to his daughter, Eliza, and her husband, Jeremiah Wilbur, who built a residence on the southern half of the original tract that year [now known as the (Barnes)-Wilbur House, 1102 Edgevale Road, Site #36/10].<sup>3</sup> The remaining 28-1/2 acres, including Dr. Condict's house, were deeded to Dr. Condict's son, Causin. Dr. Condict died in 1893 "at the residence of his son-in-law, Capt. Wilbur, Sligo, at the advanced age of nearly ninety years."<sup>4</sup>

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Henry Ford Condict was born in Littleton, New Jersey, in 1804. After graduating from Princeton in 1822 and teaching for a time, he received a medical degree from Columbia in 1830 and moved to Washington, D.C., where he practiced medicine with Dr. Nathaniel P. Causin, "one of the most highly respected of Washington physicians." In 1832 he married Jane Adelaide Causin, the only daughter of his partner, Dr. Causin. The couple had two children, Eliza Stone, born in 1840, and Causin, born in 1843.<sup>5</sup>

In 1851, Samuel Wroe, a Montgomery County resident, purchased 57 acres of a tract called Labyrinth from the heirs of Joel Simpson for \$1140. In May, 1852, Wroe sold the 57 acres to Nathaniel P. Causin of the District of Columbia for \$1600, "in trust for the use of Dr.

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. Condict," his son-in-law. The deed notes that \$1600 was paid to Causin by Condict.<sup>6</sup>

The 1880 census of Montgomery County lists the residents of the property as Henry Condict, 76, physician, widow[er]; Eliza S. Weaver, 40, his daughter, a widow; Causin Condict, his son, 38, farmer, and Causin's 41-year-old wife.<sup>7</sup> Dr. Condict died in 1893; as noted earlier his wife died before the 1880 census. An 1894 Hopkins map shows the division of the property into halves: 28-1/2 acres to the north designated as "C. Causin," which included the existing house. The deed related to this transaction notes that the right-of-way from the turnpike [Colesville Road] was to be preserved for use by Henry Condict and his son Causin Condict.<sup>8</sup> The 28-1/2 acres to the south has the notation "Mrs. E. S. Wilbur." Eliza had married her second husband, Jeremiah Wilbur, in 1883 at Grace Church, Silver Spring.

Causin Condict and his second wife, Ada, who was described by one source as a dressmaker, "well educated" and "full of fun," continued to live in the homestead.<sup>9</sup> In 1889 they acquired an additional piece of property consisting of 47 square perches from Woodbury Blair, Montgomery Blair, Gist Blair, et al., "part of a tract called Falkland Manor."<sup>10</sup> By 1891 Causin and Ada apparently had financial problems and mortgaged the property (the 28-1/2 acres and the 47 square perches) to James W. Clagett (for \$1650) and to Mary W. M. Clagett (for \$1100). The deed states: "The said two pieces of land being the same land on which Causin Condict and Ada C.[sic] Condict now reside."<sup>11</sup>

Causin Condict died in 1899 at the age of 57. Ada Condict defaulted on the mortgage and in 1904 the property was sold to Charles L. Bliss for \$2800.<sup>12</sup>

Over the next several decades the property changed hands several times and was gradually reduced in size as a result of expanding development in this part of the County. Early twentieth century owners included Eugene A. and Teresa M. Logan, who sold a 4.5 acre piece to

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<sup>6</sup> Deeds STS 5:591, September 10, 1851, and JGH 1:279, May 20, 1852, Land Records of Montgomery County, Rockville, Maryland.

<sup>7</sup> The 1880 census lists Causin's wife as "Rebecca." However, information on file at MCHS states that Causin first married Helen Callahan, whom he divorced. He later married Ada V. Hammond of Baltimore. Deeds from 1889 (JA 13:186) and 1891 (JA 24:264) refer to Causin Condict and Ada V. Condict.

<sup>8</sup> Deed JA 5:325, January 15, 1887. See MHT Inventory Form #36/10, M-NCPPC, 1998.

<sup>9</sup> "Early Days in Linden." Mary Doolittle Dawson, 1935, memories dating from 1880 on. Dawson refers to her as Ada Hemick and states that "[l]ater she married Squire Condict."

<sup>10</sup> Deed JA 13:186, March 2, 1889, Land Records, Rockville.

<sup>11</sup> Deed JA 24:264, Land Records, Rockville.

<sup>12</sup> Deed 178:157, June 8, 1904, Land Records, Rockville.

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9315 Greyrock Road, Silver Spring

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Morton E. Rose in 1908 and the remaining 23.79 acres *including the house* to Ora G. Moore in 1914. The Moore property was conveyed to Robert B. and Blanche H. Armstrong, who in 1926 conveyed 23.79 acres to George R. and Agnes Shields. The 1931 Klinge map reflects the extension of Greyrock Drive from Colesville Road into the Shields property to the north side of the house; the house is identified as "Gray Rocks," the first known use of this name. The 1941 Klinge map spells the name "Grey Rocks," and the extension of Greyrock Drive to the property is no longer shown.<sup>13</sup>

The Shieldses conveyed 8.443 acres of their property to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1934 as part of Sligo Creek Park. The Shields family conveyed the remaining 12.597 acres to James A. and Mildred F. Watson and Harold F. and Sarah K. Watson in 1947, and held the deed of trust for \$45,388. In June of 1949 the senior Watsons conveyed half interest in this property to their son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Sarah Keys Watson.<sup>14</sup>

The house at 9315 Greyrock Road, sitting on a 0.74-acre site, was sold in August 1949, by Harold and Sarah Watson to David Scull and Elizabeth Lee Scull. David Scull served on the Montgomery County Council during the 1960s. Elizabeth Scull was elected to the Council in 1970 and again in 1974. Their son David L. Scull was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1974. In 1986, as the trustee of his parents' estate, David L. Scull sold the property to its present owners, John R. Mulligan and Ann C. Scheiner, for \$249,500.<sup>15</sup>

When the original owner of the house and its 57-acre tract died in 1893, the *Montgomery County Sentinel* referred to him as

[t]he venerable Dr. Henry Ford Conduct, who during many years, was a successful practitioner in Washington, settled later in this county, where he made many friends, who regret the affliction caused by his death to the members of his family. His daughter, who is the wife of Capt. Wilbur, has been unceasing in her devotion to him during the many months of his paralysis.<sup>16</sup>

In addition to his skills as a physician, Dr. Conduct was acclaimed as a classical scholar, in particular for his translation of Thucydides' *The Plague of Athens*.

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<sup>13</sup> Deed 246:126, Land Records, Rockville. 1917 Deets and Maddox map.

<sup>14</sup> See deeds 200:327, September 4, 1908; 246:126, July 25, 1914; 404:77, June 1, 1926; 438:272, September 27, 1927; 438:273, September 17, 1917; 574:6, July 12, 1934; 1077:4, April 10, 1947; 1260:110, June 1, 1949.

<sup>15</sup> Deeds 1290:530, August 26, 1949, and 7186:447, June 24, 1986. MacMaster and Hiebert, 401, 406.

<sup>16</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, November 10, 1893.

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9315 Greyrock Road. Silver Spring

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Today the Dr. Condict House, with its setting of almost three-quarters of an acre, remains a secluded but commanding presence in a neighborhood of smaller lots with houses in a variety of styles typical of suburban development over the last forty years. It is a visual oasis--a well-preserved and pleasing reminder of the transition of this part of the down-County from an agrarian to a suburban environment.



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See attached

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 32,234 sq.ft.

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## Form Prepared By

name/title	Constance Terry		
organization	Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission	date	5/98
street & number	8787 Georgia Avenue	telephone	301-563-3400
city or town	Silver Spring	state	Maryland 20910-3760

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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#### Maps:

Deets and Maddox, *Real Estate Atlas*, 1917.

Hopkins, G.M.. *Northern Virginia and Bethesda*, 1894.

Klinge *Real Estate Atlas*, 1931 and 1941.

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Maryland Geological Survey Map, Bethesda & Vicinity, 1910.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1927-1959.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

Survey No.M:36-34

Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission  
Montgomery County Planning Department

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Dr. Condict House  
other names/site number Grey Rocks

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2. Location

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street & number 9315 Greyrock Road  
city or town Silver Spring vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
state MD code \_\_\_\_\_ county Montgomery code \_\_\_\_\_  
zip code 20910

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3. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
_____	_____ Total

Status ☒ occupied Accessible ☒ yes: restricted  
☐ unoccupied ☐ yes: unrestricted  
☐ work in progress ☐ no

Name of related historic district or resource:

\_\_\_\_\_

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name John R. Mulligan and Ann C. Scheiner telephone no.

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MD 20910

\_\_\_ see continuation sheet for additional owners

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courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

Montgomery County 7186

street & number folio

447

city, town state and zip code

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6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

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title Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites

date 1976

depository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

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☐ original site

☐ moved

☐ date of move

Materials

foundation \_\_\_\_\_

roof \_\_\_\_\_

walls \_\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe present resource.

See continuation sheet.

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Dr. Conduct House/Grey Rocks  
9315 Greyrock Road

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8. Significance

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Period of Significance

1800-1899

Area(s) of Significance

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Specific Dates

c1852-1865

Architect/Builder

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Applicable historic preservation criteria for designation of historic sites or districts in the Master Plan. Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A-3(b).

1. Historical and cultural significance. The historic resource:

- ☒ a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state, or nation;
- ☐ b. Is the site of a significant historic event;
- ☐ c. Is identified with a person or group of persons who influenced society; or
- ☒ d. Exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities;

2. Architectural and design significance. The historic resource

- ☒ a. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction;
- ☐ b. Represents the work of a master;
- ☐ c. Possesses high artistic values;
- ☐ d. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- ☐ e. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community, or county due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape (ordinance No. 9-4 (1)).
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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See continuation sheets.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

See continuation sheet.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet) Do Not fill in UTM's

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	4	—	—	—
	See continuation sheet.						

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)



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called Labyrinth from the heirs of Joel Simpson for \$1140. In May 1852, Wroe sold the 57 acres to Nathaniel P. Causin of the District of Columbia for \$1600, "in trust for the use of Dr. Conduct," his son-in-law. The deed notes that \$1600 was paid to Causin by Conduct.<sup>7</sup>

The 1880 census of Montgomery County lists the residents of the property as Henry Conduct, 76, physician, widow[er]; Eliza S. Weaver, 40, his daughter, a widow; Causin Conduct, his son, 38, farmer, and Causin's 41-year-old wife.<sup>8</sup> Dr. Conduct died in 1893; as noted earlier his wife died before the 1880 census. An 1894 Hopkins map shows the division of the property into halves: 28-1/2 acres to the north designated as "C. Causin," which included the existing house. The deed related to this transaction notes that the right-of-way from the turnpike [Colesville Road] was to be preserved for use by Henry Conduct and his son Causin Conduct.<sup>9</sup> The 28-1/2 acres to the south has the notation "Mrs. E. S. Wilbur." Eliza had married her second husband, Jeremiah Wilbur, in 1883 at Grace Church, Silver Spring.

Causin Conduct and his second wife, Ada, who was described by one source as a dressmaker, "well educated" and "full of fun," continued to live in the homestead.<sup>10</sup> In 1889 they acquired an additional piece of property consisting of 47 square perches from Woodbury Blair, Montgomery Blair, Gist Blair, et al., "part of a tract called Falkland Manor."<sup>11</sup> By 1891, Causin and Ada apparently had financial problems and mortgaged the property (the 28-1/2 acres and the 47 square perches) to James W. Clagett (for \$1650) and to Mary W. M. Clagett (for \$1100). The deed states: "The said two pieces of land being the same land on which Causin Conduct and Ada C.[sic] Conduct now reside."<sup>12</sup>

Causin Conduct died in 1899 at the age of 57. Ada Conduct defaulted on the mortgage and in 1904 the property was sold to Charles L. Bliss for \$2800.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> Deeds STS 5:591, September 10, 1851, and JGH 1:279, May 20, 1852, Land Records of Montgomery County, Rockville, Maryland.

<sup>8</sup> The 1880 census lists Causin's wife as "Rebecca." However, information on file at MCHS states that Causin first married Helen Callahan, whom he divorced. He later married Ada V. Hammond of Baltimore. Deeds from 1889 (JA 13:186) and 1891 (JA 24:264) refer to Causin Conduct and Ada V. Conduct.

<sup>9</sup> Deed JA 5:325, January 15, 1887. See MHT Inventory Form #36/10, M-NCPPC, 1998.

<sup>10</sup> "Early Days in Linden," Mary Doolittle Dawson, 1935, memories dating from 1880 on. Dawson refers to her as Ada Hemick and states that "[l]ater she married Squire Conduct."

<sup>11</sup> Deed JA 13:186, March 2, 1889, Land Records, Rockville.

<sup>12</sup> Deed JA 24:264, Land Records, Rockville.

<sup>13</sup> Deed 178:157, June 8, 1904, Land Records, Rockville.

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Over the next several decades the property changed hands several times and was gradually reduced in size as a result of expanding development in this part of the County. Early twentieth century owners included Eugene A. and Teresa M. Logan, who sold a 4.5-acre piece to Morton E. Rose in 1908 and the remaining 23.79 acres to Ora G. Moore in 1914. The Moore property was conveyed to Robert B. and Blanche H. Armstrong, who, in 1926, conveyed the same 23.79 acres to George R. and Agnes Shields. The 1931 Klinge map reflects the extension of Greyrock Drive from Colesville Road into the Shields property to the north side of the house; the house is identified as "Gray Rocks," the first known use of this name. The 1941 Klinge map spells the name "Grey Rocks," and the extension of Greyrock Drive to the property is no longer shown.<sup>14</sup>

In 1934, the Shields' conveyed 8.443 acres of their property to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as part of Sligo Creek Park. In 1947, the Shields family conveyed the remaining 12.597 acres to James A. and Mildred F. Watson and Harold F. and Sarah K. Watson and held the deed of trust for \$45,388. In June of 1949 the senior Watsons conveyed half interest in this property to their son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Sarah Keys Watson.<sup>15</sup>

In August of 1949, the house at 9315 Greyrock Road, sitting on a 0.74-acre site, was sold by Harold and Sarah Watson to David Scull and Elizabeth Lee Scull. David Scull served on the Montgomery County Council during the 1960s. Elizabeth Scull was elected to the Council in 1970 and again in 1974. Their son David L. Scull was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1974. In 1986, as the trustee of his parents' estate, David L. Scull sold the property to its present owners, John R. Mulligan and Ann C. Scheiner.<sup>16</sup>

When the original owner of the house and its 57-acre tract died in 1893, the *Montgomery County Sentinel* referred to him as

[t]he venerable Dr. Henry Ford Condict, who during many years, was a successful practitioner in Washington, settled later in this county, where he made many friends, who regret the affliction caused by his death to the members of his family. His daughter, who is the wife of Capt. Wilbur, has been unceasing in her devotion to him during the many months of his paralysis.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Deed 246:126, Land Records, Rockville. Robert B. Armstrong, Sr. was declared mentally incompetent in the 1926 deed. 1917 Deets and Maddox map.

<sup>15</sup> See deeds 200:327, September 4, 1908; 246:126, July 25, 1914; 404:77, June 1, 1926; 438:272, September 27, 1927; 438:273, September 17, 1917; 574:6, July 12, 1934; 1077:4, April 10, 1947; 1260:110, June 1, 1949.

<sup>16</sup> Deeds 1290:530, August 26, 1949, and 7186:447, June 24, 1986. MacMaster and Hiebert, 401, 406.

<sup>17</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, November 10, 1893.

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In addition to his skills as a physician, Dr. Condict was acclaimed as a classical scholar, in particular for his translation of Thucydides' *The Plague of Athens*.

Today the Dr. Condict House, with its setting of almost three-quarters of an acre, remains a secluded but commanding presence in a neighborhood of smaller lots with houses in a variety of styles typical of suburban development over the last forty years. It is a visual oasis--a well-preserved and pleasing reminder of the transition of this part of the down-County from an agrarian to a suburban environment.

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Survey No.M:36-34

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Montgomery County Planning Department

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1. Name of Property

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historic name        Dr. Condict House  
other names/site number Grey Rocks

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2. Location

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street & number 9315 Greyrock Road  
city or town       Silver Spring       vicinity \_\_\_\_  
state MD       code \_\_\_\_       county Montgomery       code \_\_\_\_  
zip code 20910

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**Owner Information**

**Owner Name:** MULLIGAN, JOHN R & **Use:** RESIDENTIAL  
**Principal Residence:** YES  
**Mailing Address:** ANN C SCHEINER  
 9315 GREYROCK RD **Deed Reference:** 1) / 7339/ 334  
 SILVER SPRING MD 20910 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

**Premises Address** **Zoning** **Legal Description**  
 9315 GREYROCK RD R60 PT PAR C SEC 7 WOODS  
 SILVER SPRING 20910 IDE PARK 7186-447

Map JP31	Grid	Parcel P254	Sub District	Subdivision 162	Section	Block	Lot	Group 80	Plat No: Plat Ref:
Special Tax Areas			Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	38					
Primary Structure Built 1833			Enclosed Area 2,294 SF		Property Land Area 32,234.00 SF			County Use 111	
Stories 2		Basement YES		Type STANDARD UNIT			Exterior FRAME		

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2001	Phase-in Assessments	
			As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003
<b>Land:</b>	101,230	101,610		
<b>Improvements:</b>	161,320	185,780		
<b>Total:</b>	262,550	287,390	279,110	287,390
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

**Seller:** **Date:** 10/09/1986 **Price:** \$0  
**Type:** NOT ARMS-LENGTH **Deed1:** / 7339/ 334 **Deed2:**  
**Seller:** **Date:** **Price:**  
**Type:** **Deed1:** **Deed2:**  
**Seller:** **Date:** **Price:**  
**Type:** **Deed1:** **Deed2:**

**Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
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State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**

\* NONE \*

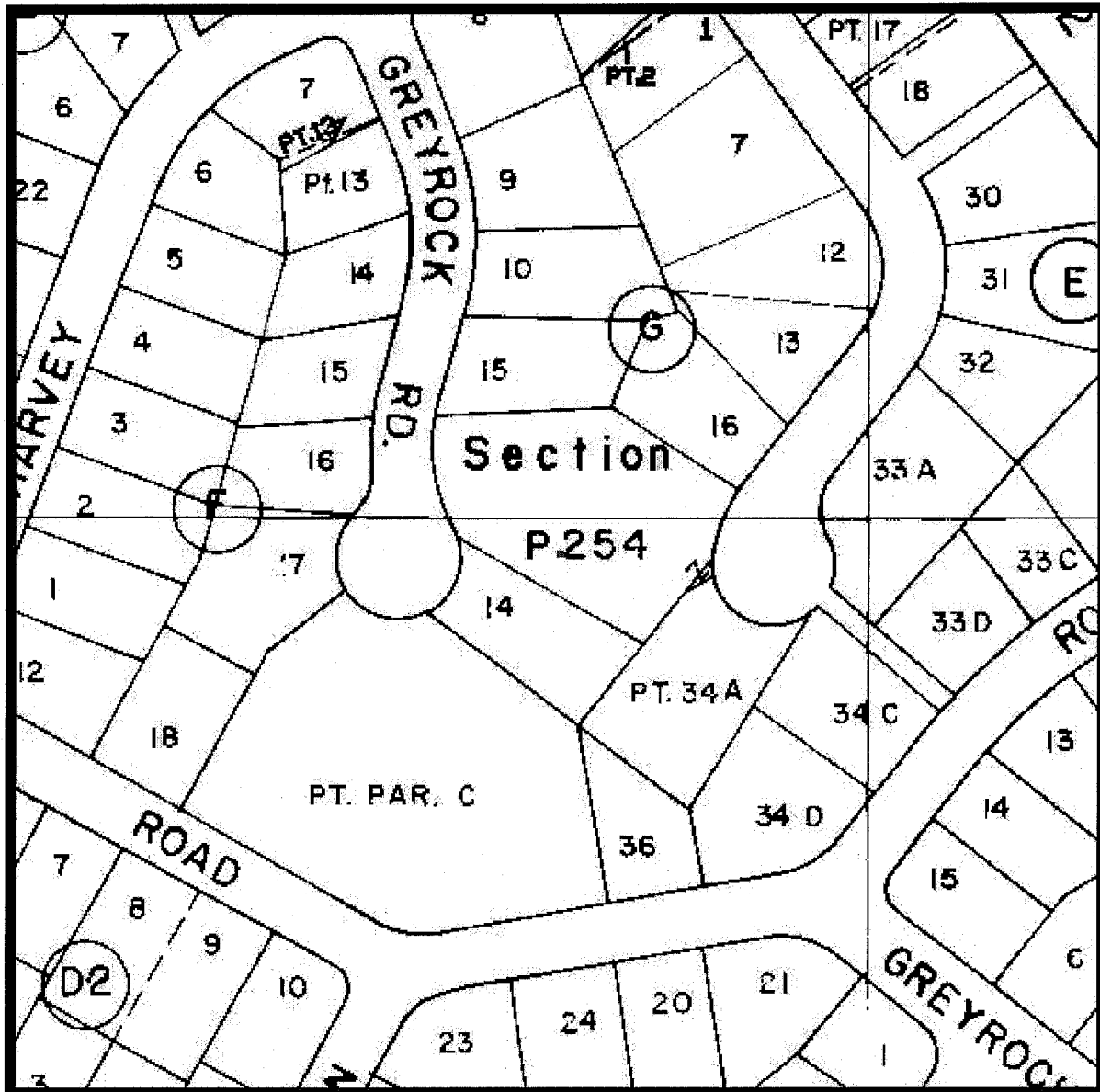




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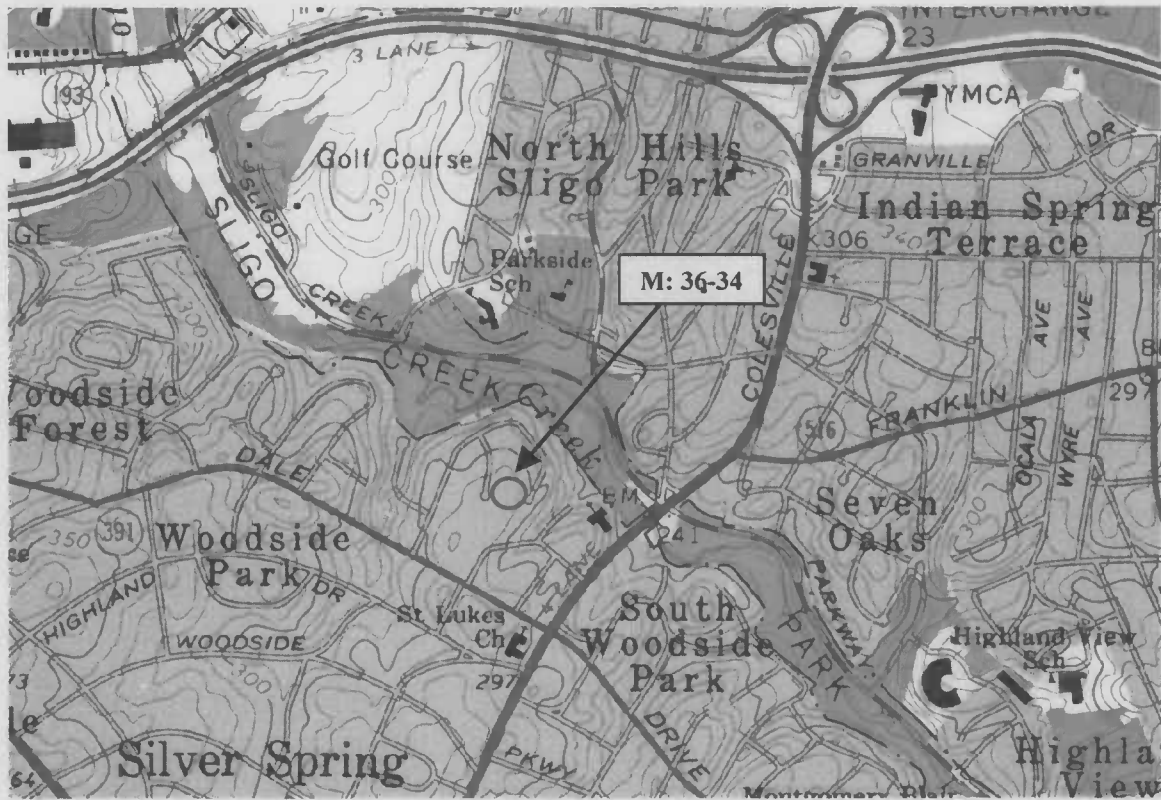
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Property boundary over 1993 aerial photo





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